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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Silver *et al.*

SERIAL NUMBER : 09/834,778

EXAMINER : Daniel M. Sullivan

FILING DATE : April 12, 2001

ART UNIT : 1636

FOR : SELF-EXTINGUISHING RECOMBINASES, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THEM AND  
METHODS OF USING THE SAME

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed herein are the following:

- Preliminary Amendment (7 pgs.);

Applicants herein request continued examination of Application No. 09/834,778. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request; 2) a submission; and 3) a fee. The submission provided herein is a Preliminary Amendment. With such a timely filed request, submission, and fee, Applicants believe that the Preliminary Amendment should be entered and considered.

Applicants authorize payment in the amount of \$385.00 for payment of the RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) to be charged to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Ref. No. 20363-011). Although Applicants believe no additional fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0311.

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